



## FACT SHEET

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### Miles City Resource Management Plan (RMP) Revision

#### FACT SHEET: Special Designations

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The Draft RMP/EIS addresses a variety of special designations mandated by law, regulation and policy, along with a range of associated management actions to protect important resource values. Special designations evaluated in the plan are Areas of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC), wilderness, Wilderness Study Areas (WSA), wild and scenic rivers, National Historic Trails and Back Country Byways.

#### Areas of Critical Environmental Concern

Section 202 (c) (3) of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) mandates that priority be given to the designation and protection of ACECs. These areas are where special management attention is required to protect and prevent irreparable damage to important values, resources, systems or processes, or to safeguard human life and safety from natural hazards.

An ACEC is a BLM designation and only applies to BLM-administered surface lands. The Draft RMP/EIS addresses existing, new or proposed ACECs and associated management actions to protect ACEC values. There are 13 areas that continue to be designated as ACECs in the planning area.

Table 1: Planning area ACECs.

Miles City Draft RMP/EIS ACECs			
ACEC Name	Resource	County	Acres
Ash Creek Divide	Paleontology	Garfield	7,921
Bug Creek	Paleontology	McCone	3,837
Hell Creek	Paleontology	Garfield	19,373
Sand Arroyo	Paleontology	McCone	9,052
Big Sheep Mountain	Cultural Resources	Prairie	363
Hoe	Cultural Resources	Prairie	147
Jordan Bison Kill	Cultural Resources	Garfield	160
Powder River Depot	Cultural Resources	Prairie	1,401
Seline	Cultural Resources	Dawson	80
Finger Buttes	Scenic	Carter	1,520
Piping Plover	Wildlife	Sheridan	15
Black-footed Ferret	Wildlife	Prairie	11,221
Smoky Butte	Geology	Garfield	80

Table 2: Miles City Draft RMP/EIS proposed ACECs and other special areas including Wilderness Study Areas, National Historic Trails and Back Country Byways.

<b>Miles City Draft RMP/EIS</b> <b>Summary - ACECs and other Special Areas</b>					
	Alternative A	Alternative B	Alternative C	Alternative D	Alternative E
ACECs	16 ACECs 51,000 Acres	22 ACECs 1.35 M acres	21 ACECs 82,000 acres	21 ACECs 82,000 acres	21 ACECs 64,600 acres
Wilderness Study Areas	7 WSAs = 97,000 acres				
National Historic Trails	Lewis & Clark National Historic Trail				
Back Country Byways	Big Sky Back Country Byways				